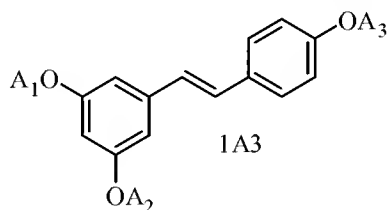


In the Claims:

Claims 5-7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, and 55-68 have been canceled. Claims 69-87 have been added. Please note that all claims currently pending and under consideration in the referenced application are shown below. Please enter these claims as amended. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-68. (Canceled)

69. (New) A compound of Formula 1A3, where



A_1 is selected from H and (CO) R_1 ;

A_2 is selected from H and (CO) R_2 ;

A_3 is selected from H and (CO) R_3 ;

R_1 , R_2 and R_3 when present are each independently selected from alkyl with at least two carbon atoms, aryl, and aralkyl;

and diastereoisomers and pharmaceutical salts of all of the foregoing,

where at least one of A_1 , A_2 , and A_3 is different from another.

70. (New) A compound according to claim 69, where

A_1 is (CO) R_1 ;

A_2 is (CO) R_2 ;

A_3 is (CO) R_3 .

71. (New) A compound according to claim 69, where

A_1 is H;

A_2 is (CO) R_2 ;

A_3 is (CO) R_3 .

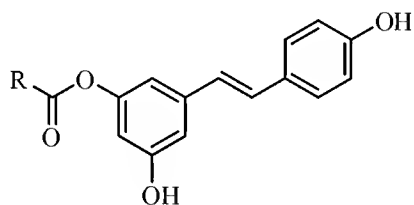
72. (New) A compound according to claim 69, where
A₁ is H;
A₂ is H;
A₃ is (CO)R₃.
73. (New) A compound according to claim 69, where
A₁ is (CO)R₁;
A₂ is (CO)R₂;
A₃ is H.
74. (New) A compound according to claim 69, where
A₁ is (CO)R₁;
A₂ is H;
A₃ is H.
75. (New) A compound according to claim 69, where R₁, R₂ and R₃ when present are each independently saturated alkyl.
76. (New) A compound according to claim 69, further selected from the group consisting of: 5,4'-dihydroxy-3-propanoate stilbene, 3,5-dihydroxy-4'-propanoate stilbene, 3,4'-dihydroxy-5-propanoate stilbene, 4'-hydroxy-3,5-dipropanoate stilbene, 5-hydroxy-3,4'-dipropanoate stilbene, 3,5,4'-tripropanoate stilbene; 5,4'-dihydroxy-3-butanolate stilbene, 3,5-dihydroxy-4'-butanoate stilbene, 3,4'-dihydroxy-5-butanolate stilbene, 4'-hydroxy-3,5-dibutanolate stilbene, 5-hydroxy-3,4'-dibutanolate stilbene, 3,5,4'-tributanolate stilbene; 5,4'-dihydroxy-3-pentanoate stilbene, 3,5-dihydroxy-4'-pentanoate stilbene, 3,4'-dihydroxy-5-pentanoate stilbene, 4'-hydroxy-3,5-dipentanoate stilbene, 5-hydroxy-3,4'-dipentanoate stilbene; 5,4'-dihydroxy-3-hexanoate stilbene, 3,5-dihydroxy-4'-hexanoate stilbene, 3,4'-dihydroxy-5-hexanoate stilbene, 4'-hydroxy-3,5-dihexanoate stilbene, 5-hydroxy-3,4'-dihexanoate stilbene, 3,5,4'-trihexanoate stilbene; 5,4'-dihydroxy-3-dodecanoate stilbene, 3,5-dihydroxy-4'-dodecanoate stilbene, 3,4'-dihydroxy-5-dodecanoate stilbene, 4'-hydroxy-3,5-dodecanoate stilbene, 5-hydroxy-3,4'-dodecanoate stilbene, 3,5,4'-tridodecanoate stilbene; 5,4'-dihydroxy-3-hexadecanoate stilbene, 3,5-dihydroxy-4'-hexadecanoate stilbene, 3,4'-dihydroxy-5-hexadecanoate

stilbene, 4'-hydroxy-3,5-hexadecanoate stilbene, 5-hydroxy-3,4'-hexadecanoate stilbene, 3,5,4'-trihexadecanoate stilbene; 5,4'-dihydroxy-3-octadecanoate stilbene, 3,5-dihydroxy-4'-octadecanoate stilbene, 3,4'-dihydroxy-5-octadecanoate stilbene, 4'-hydroxy-3,5-octadecanoate stilbene, 5-hydroxy-3,4'-octadecanoate stilbene, 3,5,4'-trioctadecanoate stilbene.

77. (New) A compound according to claim 69 which is 3,4'-dihydroxy-5-butanoate stilbene.

78. (New) A compound according to claim 69 which is 3,4'-dihydroxy-5-isobutanoate stilbene.

79. (New) A compound according to the formula



where R is selected from alkyl with at least two carbon atoms, aryl, and aralkyl;

and diastereoisomers and pharmaceutical salts of all of the foregoing.

80. (New) A compound according to claim 79, where R is alkyl.

81. (New) A compound according to claim 79, where R is saturated alkyl.

82. (New) A compound according to claim 79, where R is C₂ – C₃ alkyl.

83. (New) A compound according to claim 79, where R is C₃ alkyl.

84. (New) A compound according to claim 79, where R is C₂ – C₆ alkyl.

85. (New) A compound according to claim 79, where R is alkyl selected from ethyl, 1-propyl and 2-propyl, 1-butyl, 2-butyl, 2-methyl-1-propyl, 1,1-dimethylethyl, 1-

pentyl, 2-pentyl, 3-pentyl, 2-methyl-1-butyl, 3-methyl-1-butyl, 2,2-dimethylpropyl, 1-hexyl, 2-hexyl, 3-hexyl, 2-methyl-1-pentyl, 3-methyl-1-pentyl, 4-methyl-1-pentyl, 3,3-dimethyl-1-butyl, 3,3-dimethyl-2-butyl, and 2-ethyl-1-butyl.

86. (New) A compound according to claim 79, which is 3,4'-dihydroxy-5-butanoate stilbene.

87. (New) A compound according to claim 79, which is 3,4'-dihydroxy-5-isobutanoate stilbene.